

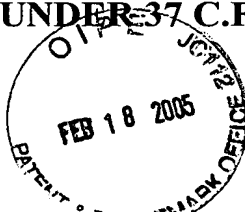
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**METHOD FOR SEPARATING BACKGROUND
SPRITE AND FOREGROUND OBJECT AND
METHOD FOR EXTRACTING
SEGMENTATION MASK AND THE
APPARATUS**

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To maintain pendency of the above-identified case, since an Advisory Action has not yet been received (even though Examiner Motilewa Good Johnson advised Jessica Feltz (a Kenyon paralegal) on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 that she expected to get to the Amendment dated November 2, 2004, *Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action, mailed on August 11, 2004, that finally rejected claims 1 to 45.*

This is also a Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) by which Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension to respond to the Final Office Action so that the three-month response period is extended by three months to February 11, 2005 from November 11, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees of **\$1,520.00** (which includes the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be \$500.00, and the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee, which is believed to be \$1,020.00), to the deposit account number **11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon**. The Commissioner is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any Rule 136(a) extension fees, or credit any excess fees to deposit account number **11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon**. Two duplicate copies of this paper are enclosed for these purposes.

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